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This year, India jumped from No. 30 to No. 22 in Open Doors' World Watch List of countries where Christians suffer the most persecution. **The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** added India this year to its watch list for frequent outbreaks of violence against minorities, especially Christians.

USCIRF has recommended that the Obama administration urge the Indian government to take new measures to promote communal harmony, protect religious minorities, and prevent communal violence.